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Sauget & Company (Site Q) -- Sauget
Superfund/Technical Reports

On November 5, 1991, this author visited the old Sauget & Company Landfill in an effort to further characterize it for HRS purposes. During this site visit, new disposal areas were discovered.

The site, also known as "Site Q" and "Sauget Municipal Landfill" had apparently been operated from 1962 to 1975 with the Cahokia Trust and Paul Sauget (Sauget & Company) as landowners during this period. The southern portion of the site consists of two borrow areas which were used by the Corps of Engineers for the construction of the levee in the early 1950s. These areas are located in the Village of Cahokia and were partially filled in by Sauget & Company. Although they are normally under water, it was possible to inspect them when they were dry. A site map is attached.

During the inspection, hundreds of drums were noted in piles at the west-central portion and along ridges throughout the east pit. Similar drums and waste piles were also seen in the other pit. The drums did not have any markings, nor was it apparent what the material in them consisted of. Most of them were completely corroded with their contents visible. Several types of wastes were evident. These included dark colored solidified organics, white powdery substances, a grey and yellow blocky crystalline material, and a thin, papery substance resembling muscovite. In addition, a plastic container labeled "nickel plating solution" was also found. Several photographs of this site were taken.

Attachments

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